

MSN Nurses group

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The MSN nurses group was established in March 2014 in order to provide cohesive care for children and TYA's over Scotland with cancer.

The group meet 3 times per year and nurses from each principal care centre and shared care centre's from over Scotland are invited to attend. Each centre has link nurses to feed-back to their unit.

The role of the group is to ;

- act as a support network
- Share knowledge and expertise
- Learn from good practice
- Feedback to group from conferences
- Review clinical guidelines
- Develop and review national documentation
- Ensure all nurses aware of training needs and educational resources available
- Act as voice representing paediatric oncology across Scotland
- Link with the network for children and young people with cancer



End of treatment checklist

The end of treatment checklist has been developed to ensure all areas of end of treatment are discussed, implemented and recorded. It is expected that each

patient and family will receive an initial meeting with their POONS to prepare them for end of treatment by the last treatment session. The POONS will take responsibility for the implementation and co-ordination of the checklist. Further meetings may be required de-

pending on the needs of the patient and family. The POONS will visit the patient's school where required. The consultant will complete the end of treatment summary. The after care CNS will then continue to support the patient and family following a referral and a completed end of treatment plan.



'To act as a voice for nurses working with CYP with cancer in Scotland and empower nurses at all levels to be actively involved in future developments within cancer services in Scotland.'

MSN website

The MSN has redesigned its website. It is available on www.youngcancer.scot.nhs.uk

login, as well as a section providing information for patients and their families.

tral lines, going for a scan, chemotherapy, nutrition, going to theatre and radiotherapy. The site also includes sections with other children's stories and advice for siblings.

There will be a resource section for health professionals to access using Athens

This resource includes informative education videos for new patients looking at cen-



'Share knowledge and expertise'

'Learn from good practice'

Nurses questionnaire

A questionnaire was sent to all paediatric nurses within Scotland to find out what we do well and identify gaps in service which we can address.

Feedback from questionnaire were positive on the whole. Areas identified to encourage attendance included:

allocated time, interested in hearing how other centres work and to share good practice.

Areas identified for change included: communication especially between shared care centres, follow up of bereaved families, specific guidelines for end

of treatment, better provision for TYA, streamlining practice between centres e.g. IV therapy, CVC care. The nurses group will aim to develop a follow up questionnaire for 2016. Please look out for this as your input is valuable.

MSN Cancer Plan 2016

The review of the MSN Cancer Plan in 2016 will update on the progression and changes made within children's cancer service throughout Scotland since first published in 2012.

For nurses this has led to the development of the Nurses Forum. There is also an AHP and pharmacy group, as well as national MDT groups for TYAs and palliative care, to enable discussion about cases to share knowledge and provide the best care for patients

Aim is to continue to focus on the workstreams identified by the group:

Education— centralise education and information resources for staff through education pathway, CLIC Sargent Key Worker education package and development of patient/family leaflets.

End of Treatment—the development of the end of treatment checklist is an achievement for the nurses group and this is being rolled out nationwide.

Further Development—looking at areas in Diagnosis to ensure all patients have the same access to support regardless of area. Support throughout treatment and Palliative care.

TYA sexual health information leaflet

We have developed a sexual health information leaflet for teenagers and young adults to inform them about safe precautions whilst receiving chemotherapy.

At present it has been reviewed by the nurses group and by NHS

Lothian's communications team. The plan is to make two leaflets one for under 16s (due to legal consent issues) and one for 16s and over. It will then be reviewed by a TYA focus group through the MSN TYA group.

The plan is for the leaflet to be available on the MSN youngcancer website, and for the TYA CNS or POONS to provide the leaflet to the TYA when having discussions with them about sexual health around the time of diagnosis.

'Our services must ensure these children and young people attain the

best possible outcomes and have access to appropriate specialist services, as

locally as possible, that are both safe and sustainable, supported by

consistent pathways of care, regardless of where they live.'

Nicola Sturgeon, (Children's Cancer Plan 2012-2015)

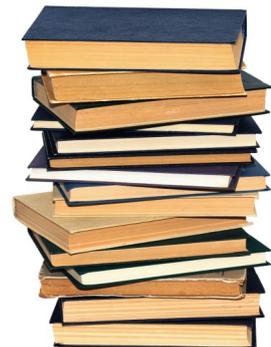
Education package

The aim of the CLIC Sargent education package is to have a centralised education and information resource available to staff within services supporting the child and young person in the community and hospital.

This can be accessed via the

MSN website within the education section. An Athens login is required to access this resource.

www.youngcancer.scot.nhs.uk



We welcome involvement with the MSN nurses group from anyone interested in a project or developing an idea that can be used pan Scotland.

Involvement with the group is good for your eksf objectives and NMC revalidation.

Please discuss with your link nurse



Link nurses:

Edinburgh: Angela Russell, Kathryn Whitford, Rachel McAndrew, Ashley Wyse, Fiona Dawson.

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Family held treatment record and cancer centre photobooks



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The **family held treatment record** was developed to be held by the parent or young person to record up to date information about certain aspects of their treatment.

This record contains ;

- contact details of all health professionals involved in care
- Appointment schedule
- Record of height and weight
- Side effects scoring sheet/patients side effects diary
- Blood results
- Nasogastric/gastrostomy tube change
- CVC maintenance record
- Insuflon change
- Drug dosage sheet
- Advice on infection

The **photo book** was originally developed by Yorkhill Schiehallion ward and was well received by patients who were to attend to alleviate fears of an unknown area. From this Edinburgh has developed a photobook and a copy will be handed out to all other centre's. This shows what each unit looks like prior to patient and families attendance there. The next step would be to look into virtual video tour on the MSN website.